

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3897

February 13, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes judges to order DUI offenders to attend victim impact panel programs, where available, in addition to participation in alcohol and drug safety DUI school. Authorizes the court to assess a fee of no less than \$25, but no more than \$50, to offset the cost of participation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Revenue - \$46,600/Permissive

Increase Local Expenditures - \$46,600/Permissive

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, there are approximately 21,000 DUI convictions per year.
- There are two non-profit groups operating nine victim impact panel programs in Tennessee.
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) operates four programs, one in each of the following counties: Davidson, Shelby, Knox, and Claiborne.
- The Victims Impact Panel of Tennessee (VIPT) operates five victim impact panel programs, one in each of the following counties: Wilson, Smith, Jackson, Cumberland, and Putnam.
- MADD charges fees between \$25 and \$35; all fees received go to prevention programs.
- VIPT charges a fee of \$30; all fees received go to reimburse the expenses of the non-profit.
- The cumulative population of counties with victim impact panel programs makes up approximately 37.0% of the state's total population.
- The number of DUI convictions in counties with victim impact panel programs is estimated to be 7,770 (21,000 total x 37.0% = 7,770).
- Only offenders with ability to pay fees are ordered to attend such programs.
- 20% of DUI offenders in the nine counties specified (1,554) are ordered to participate each year.
- The average fee collected by local governments is estimated to be \$30.

- The permissive increase to local government revenue is estimated to be \$46,600 (1,554 x \$30 = \$46,620) per year.
- The permissive increase to local government expenditures for paying expenses of the victim impact panel programs is estimated to be \$46,600 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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